



A Special GSA Independence Day Weekend



Dear GSA:

I wanted to take a moment to wish my GSA colleagues a wonderful Independence Day weekend. This Fourth of July is of special significance for us since it marks both the 240th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and the 67th birthday of the U.S. General Services Administration.

While I am always proud of the good, hard work all of you do, I think of this holiday as particularly illustrative of your unique talents. Our agency, after all, is responsible for the integrity of one of the cornerstones of the nation's independence, and each of you ought to take great pride in this.

The peaceful transition of presidential power exemplifies what makes our republic exceptional; and the General Services Administration is the driving force behind this hallmark of our democracy. Whether you're working directly on the presidential transition, or in our buildings, acquisitions or technology efforts, you contribute invaluablely to this project and, therefore, to the security of a country we all love.

Independence Day is a moment to appreciate and thank the countless women and men who, for 240 years, have committed their passion, creativity, patriotism and, in many cases, their very lives to ensuring that our great experiment in democracy and freedom not merely endures, but flourishes. Each GSA employee is a member of this elite corps of irreplaceable public servants.

As you and your families enjoy the fireworks, I want you to know that the skies are lit in red, white and blue in your honor, and in recognition of all you do for America.

Thank you so very much. Happy birthday and happy Fourth of July, GSA!

Denise



Announcing New Detail Opportunity

Message From the Administrator Banner

From: GSA Administrator

To: All GSA

GSA knows its most important asset is its people. The only way we can achieve our Agency goals is with a highly engaged, skilled, and optimized workforce that is connected to our important mission. One of the best ways for GSA to achieve this is through programs which allow employees to challenge themselves and work collaboratively across our great organization.

The [GSA Rotation Program](#), developed from the top recommendation of improving engagement in the 2015 GSA Employee Engagement Survey, allows organizations to post detail assignments and offers employees meaningful detail opportunities of 120 days or less. This program allows our employees to accept new challenges, collaborate, and enhance existing skills ensuring we have a workforce which is positioned to meet the evolving needs of our Agency.

I am pleased to share a rotational opportunity as a Special Assistant in the Administrator's Suite. This position will perform a variety of administrative and customer service functions in support of day-to-day operations and special agency initiatives. The ideal candidate will have a keen attention to detail as well as superior organizational, planning, and time management skills and be able to proactively manage the schedule and activities. The position offers a unique opportunity to gain insight and exposure to agency leadership as well as the day-to-day inner workings of the agency as a whole.

I strongly encourage all of GSA to take advantage of the opportunities available on the [GSA Rotation Program](#). To date, we've announced more than 90 detail opportunities across the nation and over 200 of you have applied!

To apply for my detail posting or any others please click [here](#) to visit the GSA Rotation Program page on GSA InSite. For any questions or additional information, please email gsaprojectnetwork@gsa.gov.

Denise

GSA Administrator



Announcing Recipients of GSA's 2015 Administrator Awards



Hello GSA,

I am pleased to announce the [2015 GSA Administrator's Awards](#) recipients. Across the agency, we saw 2015 as a busy and successful year for GSA. Please join me in congratulating the individuals and teams who made such significant contributions to our agency.

GSA's career professionals - our agency's backbone - represent a wealth and depth of institutional experience, intelligence and dedication. You do an outstanding job every day serving the American people.

I salute and thank today's awardees - and indeed every GSA employee. Part of what amazes me about you is that you never stop looking for better, more efficient, ways to serve the American people, and I am proud to count all of you as my colleagues.

We will be hosting an Administrator's Award event at 1800 F Street on Tuesday, May 24, at 2 p.m. ET. If you're not able to join us, we will be broadcasting the event over the [GSA InSite Video Network](#).

All the best,

Denise Roth

GSA Administrator



Announcing the New Associate Administrator in the Office of Government-wide Policy

GSA:

As we move into 2016, I would like to welcome our newest leader to the agency. It is my pleasure to announce that Troy Cribb will be joining GSA as the Associate Administrator in the Office of Government-wide Policy (OGP).

Troy comes to GSA with extensive experience, serving with the U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (HSGAC), in the private sector with the Steptoe & Johnson law firm, and the International Trade Administration. In her position on HSGAC, Troy focused on improving the efficiency and effectiveness of federal government, working extensively with GSA. Troy drafted and guided legislation that has driven quality, innovation, cost savings, and accountability in the federal government's management of real estate, acquisition of goods and services, and oversight of information technology. Her vast knowledge of the inner workings of government overall, and GSA in particular, will prove invaluable to the agency. Please help me welcome the newest addition to our agency's senior leadership.

I would also like to thank Giancarlo Brizzi, who, as Acting Associate Administrator, ably helped us through a time of transition, providing leadership and guidance to OGP. During this time, his support in standing up a Unified Shared Services Management Office within OGP has allowed the agency to support the federal government in this key priority. He will now resume his duties as Deputy Associate Administrator for OGP. Thank you Giancarlo for your dedication to GSA and your leadership throughout this period.

Denise



Celebrating Public Service



Colleagues,

Today marks the start of Public Service Recognition Week, a moment we reserve to applaud the commitment of all who devote their talents to serving their fellow citizens.

Through their passion and drive, the men and women of GSA exemplify this sense of dedication. Each and every one of you is indispensable to the working of government, and is at the forefront of making positive change in communities across the country.

This week, I encourage you to recognize the invaluable work your GSA colleagues do by reaching out to them on our "[High-Five: Recognize a Co-Worker](#)" Chatter page and letting them know how vital their contributions are to GSA, the backbone of the federal government.

Your daily work enriches and improves this great country and the lives of its citizens. You should all take great pride in this. I am certainly proud to consider all of you my colleagues, and to serve alongside you.

On behalf of GSA's leadership team, thank you for your service.

Denise



Continuing Resolution Passed by Congress - No Longer Planning for Lapse in Appropriations



As a follow-up to yesterday's email, I wanted to provide an update on developments regarding funding for the government. Late last night, the Senate passed a Continuing Resolution funding the government through April 28, 2017, completing Congressional consideration of the measure. We are no longer planning for a lapse in appropriations, and all of GSA will continue normal operating procedures.

Thank you again for your patience during these circumstances, and for your commitment to GSA and public service.



Delivering the next generation of digital government



Colleagues,

We have all seen how technology has changed and shaped our lives. It has improved connectivity, productivity, and communities. The public expects its government to reflect those changes. It is GSA's responsibility to develop and deploy the best technology support, advice, and solutions so we can better serve our most important customer: the American people. In support of that effort, I'm pleased to announce the creation of GSA's third service, the Technology Transformation Service. This service will provide technology services to our partner agencies across the government, much as the Public Buildings Service and Federal Acquisition Service do in their areas of expertise. By moving these programs into a new service, we are demonstrating a firm and lasting commitment to tackle this challenge. The importance of providing technology services is reflected in GSA's mission: Providing the best value in real estate, acquisitions *and* technology to government and the American people.

The new service is comprised of the programs and services now offered by the Office of Citizen Services and Innovative Technologies (OCSIT), the Presidential Innovation Fellows (PIF), and 18F. The success that these offices have had in providing innovative services and leadership to our federal partners is one of the primary reasons we're creating this service. They've shown us that in some cases delivering the next generation of digital government requires thinking differently about technology needs.

Like PBS and FAS, this new service will be led by a Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner. Phaedra Chroussos, former Associate Administrator of OCSIT/18F, will serve as the service's Commissioner, and Aaron Snow, Executive Director of 18F, will serve as Deputy Commissioner. Giancarlo Brizzi, currently Principal Deputy Associate Administrator in the Office of Government-wide Policy, has been detailed to support the stand up of the new service.

In looking at what we've learned from OCSIT, 18F and PIF engagements, federal agencies are increasingly looking for assistance in identifying the best path to take or the best tools to use in implementing technological transformation. Creating a dedicated service to meet this need will enable GSA to help partner agencies better build, buy, and share technology. As GSA is being asked to do more and more to solve cross-cutting technology challenges across government, this new service will also provide GSA with a platform for future emerging technology efforts.

The Technology Transformation Service will continue to support our federal partners with the kind of expertise that GSA has been so effective at delivering. This new service will complement GSA's current technology efforts, bolstering the strong support we already provide to partner agencies and allowing us to deliver transformative technology solutions. The vast majority of our IT acquisition services and functions will remain in FAS' Office of Integrated Technology Services. The ITS team serves our partners incredibly well and will continue to do so in support of GSA's mission. In addition, FAS's Assisted Acquisition Services and FEDSIM will continue their great work helping agencies procure complex IT solutions, OGP will continue its critical role in IT policy, and GSA IT will continue to lead GSA's internal IT strategy and operations.

Today is the first day of a new era in our agency. Just as we were the first agency to put the internet on every desk 20 years ago, and the first to move to the cloud five years ago, we continue to blaze a trail providing cutting-edge technology support to our partner agencies. I hope you share my excitement about this new service, and also recognize that the reason we've been such an innovator is because of you, GSA's amazing workforce.

In the coming weeks, you can expect more news and information about how the Technology Transformation Service will function and what it will do. I look forward to sharing it with you all very soon.

Denise





EASi Migration: Message from the Administrator and PBS Commissioner



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Administrator Roth and PBS Commissioner Dong congratulate PBS acquisition management teams for their tremendous efforts in transitioning from the old Comprizon system to EASi and for successfully migrating 15,000 contracts to the new system. To learn more, check out our [EASi Resources](#).



GSA Celebrates Earth Day



Dear GSA,

Since 1970, April 22 has been set aside to emphasize our duty to protect the environment. Earth Day is celebrated across the globe, and GSA continues to make tangible contributions toward environmental sustainability and resilience.

GSA released its first energy reduction plan more than 40 years ago in 1973. Since then, GSA met its first 30 percent energy reduction goal in 1985-2005 and further reduced energy consumption by 25 percent in 2005-2015. Currently, GSA's real estate portfolio is on average 16 percent more energy efficient than comparable private sector portfolios.

From 2009–2015, GSA pioneered the inclusion of supply chain greenhouse gases (GHG) management clauses in federal procurement contracts. GSA is proactively partnering with other agencies to offer access to its best practices and sharing expertise in developing the most advanced contractual GHG management features.

Overall, as the leading provider of real estate, acquisition, and technology services to the federal government, GSA is crucial to meeting government-wide carbon reduction goals. On current trends, GSA is well positioned to maintain its leadership in the federal sector by reducing GHG emissions by 73 percent from 2008 levels by 2025.

These are just a few of our agency's accomplishments having a tangible effect on the environment around us. We could not have achieved this without the skill and dedication of our committed workforce.

Thank you for all of your hard work, and please take a moment to read more about what your colleagues throughout GSA are doing to [celebrate Earth Day](#).

Sincerely,

Denise



GSA Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey (EVS) Response Rates



Hello GSA,

Earlier this year, many of you shared feedback about your work experience at GSA as part of the annual Employee Viewpoint Survey (EVS). I am pleased to announce that GSA's results continue to show positive trends in all areas. This information is very valuable to us, as it helps our leadership team create meaningful action plans to ensure our employees have the best possible work experience.

Overall, our Employee Engagement Index increased from 68.6 percent to 72.1 percent, reflecting an increase in each of the broad categories that OPM tracks: Leaders Lead, Supervisors, and Intrinsic Work Experience. In addition, we had a response rate of 67.3 percent, which is 21.5 percent above the government average of 45.8 percent. This demonstrates that GSA's employees are actively engaged in the conversation about how to improve our agency.

Whether it was by responding to the EVS or pulse surveys, or working with your office's employee engagement leads, your feedback will make a difference. You should expect to hear from your senior leaders and your supervisors soon with additional details on specific questions and focus areas for your division. I look forward to using this data to build a stronger GSA.

I encourage you to continue sharing your input during these discussions as it is through your voice that we are able to develop meaningful action plans that lead to real and lasting change at GSA. Our goal isn't to improve scores, but rather to make GSA an employer of choice.

More information will be provided as we receive additional EVS datasets from the Office of Personnel Management. Please be on the lookout for these reports, which will be shared by your leaders and supervisors, and also available on our [Engagement Page on GSA InSite](#) during the middle part of September.

It is a very exciting time to be at GSA and I hope you share my enthusiasm. The role we play both for our clients across government and for our country as a whole has never been more vital. Whether we're showing our colleagues how to make better use of their workspace by leveraging 21st century technology and work styles or helping them get better access to acquisition solutions that save them money and time, our country needs us to be at our best.

Thank you for all of your hard work and for making GSA a great place to work.

Denise



GSA's Support for Small Business Has Big Impact



Colleagues,

GSA's workforce does an outstanding job serving the American people. Part of what makes you so great is you never stop looking for better, innovative ways to carry out our mission. This commitment is exemplified by the outstanding efforts of our Office of Small Business Utilization (OSBU) which just earned an A+ from the Small Business Administration for our support of small businesses including exceeding all our Fiscal Year 2015 prime contracting small business goals. GSA is one of only three federal agencies to receive the A+ grade in Fiscal Year 2015.

Enhancing our role as a catalyst for economic development in communities across the country is a key element of my vision for GSA's future, and fostering the development of small businesses - the bedrock of America's local economies - is an ideal means by which to do this.

Small businesses are also invaluable partners for the federal government. They offer unique goods and services that we simply can't get anywhere else. At the same time, government represents a stable partner for small businesses, providing them access to reliable funding and increased opportunity.

Under the proficient leadership of Associate Administrator Jerome Fletcher, our OSBU team is doing fantastic work: Expanding opportunities for small business in the federal space; developing new talent within the small business sector; and deploying cutting-edge technology - such as the recently released Small Business Forecast Tool - to increase participation by this vital sector in government contracting.

Each and every member of the GSA community contributes to our invaluable work and success. I am immensely proud of and grateful to all of you.

Denise



Happy Veterans Day, GSA



Dear GSA,

Veterans Day is special at the U.S. General Services Administration.

We are honored to have so many valiant women and men among us who served in our armed forces. Additionally, every day, our agency works to ensure that veteran-owned small businesses are given all the support they need to thrive and contribute to the economy.

There is no way to sufficiently thank those who sacrificed so much on our behalf, but I am very proud of what GSA does to ensure that these heroes are afforded the respect and opportunities they deserve.

Please join me in honoring all our vets; not only on Veterans Day, but every day.

Thank you so much for all that you do.

Denise



Leadership Announcements



Colleagues,

A little over a month ago we launched a new service at GSA - the Technology Transformation Service. The mission of the Technology Transformation Service is to help agencies navigate how to build, buy, and share user-centered and emerging technology solutions to provide seamless experiences designed for the user first. This new service is providing the foundation for our government's digital transformation as well as partnering with other agencies to assist them in their own attempts to transform. Now that we have created a new Service, we are beginning the search for a new Commissioner that can continue to scale our efforts and further weave the organization into the fabric of the government. We will be looking for excellent candidates – from the public or private sector – who will continue to pursue our ambitious mission of improving the public's experience with the government.

Having led the standup of the new service, Phaedra Chrousos, the current politically appointed Commissioner, will be moving on from her tour of duty, and her last day in the office will be July 15. A startup entrepreneur with a history of building companies in industries that are being disrupted, Phaedra brought that experience with her to government. The creation of the Technology Transformation Service would have not been possible without her vision and leadership. She helped scale 18F from a "minimum viable product" to an organization that agencies recognize as a critical partner in delivering services to the American public. Prior to leading this effort, Phaedra was GSA's first Chief Customer Officer and stood up GSA's Customer Experience Office, which has helped improve everything from tenant satisfaction in our public building portfolio to the contracting process for small businesses.

Concurrent to his role as CIO, David Shive will serve as Acting Commissioner while the search for a new Commissioner is conducted. David has been a steadfast partner of the Technology Transformation Service and 18F from the beginning. He is a strong advocate for the organization's impact across government and a vocal proponent of the modern delivery of technology in the federal space. He will team up with 18F's Executive Director Aaron Snow, who started as a Presidential Innovation Fellow and was a founding member of 18F. Together they will ensure the continued success and ongoing evolution of this nascent service.

Denise



Meeting the Mission As SafeTrack Gets Underway



Dear GSA,

Over the weekend, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) began implementing "SafeTrack" to address the National Transportation Safety Board's and Federal Transit Administration's safety recommendations. SafeTrack is its maintenance and repair plan to bring the rail system to improved safety and reliability.

While safety of the MetroRail system is a priority, this work will require adjustment of our daily commutes. WMATA's plan will include continuous single tracking on certain segments of the rail system for several weeks, fewer trains in operation, as well as shutting down segments entirely for up to several weeks.

I know this will prove challenging, but the women and men of GSA are renowned for our ability to meet our mission when faced with the unexpected. GSA's flexible workspaces accommodate a more mobile, more collaborative, workplace designed, in part, to adapt to such events. However, if schedule adjustments are needed, we understand.

I encourage all Washington, D.C.-based GSA employees to stay informed and to work together with your supervisors to address possible work schedule changes to ensure we continue to meet our mission throughout this timeframe.

Please visit our [SafeTrack page on GSA InSite](#) or [WMATA's SafeTrack information page](#) for updates on these activities as needed.

Denise



Personnel Announcements



Colleagues,

GSA has been at the forefront of bringing in new ideas and new thinking to government. No actions better demonstrate that than the creation of two organizations without precedent in government: a Customer Experience office and a “startup” called 18F. These divisions have been providing excellent service internally and externally to the agency, improving the quality of our customer service across the board, and delivering better digital services to our partner agencies. I wanted to share some important updates on the leadership of these critical divisions.

When it comes to 18F, perhaps no one has been more instrumental in establishing this organization than Aaron Snow. One of the first Presidential Innovation Fellows, Aaron was one of the key contributors in building on this successful program to create 18F, and has served as its Executive Director for the past year. However, as his term winds down, he will be stepping down, effective October 13th, as Executive Director of 18F and will move into an advisory role, assisting the incoming TTS Commissioner once that individual is on board. Dave Zvenyach, who has been a leader in 18F, has agreed to serve in an interim capacity as acting Executive Director of 18F until the incoming TTS Commissioner has an opportunity to select a permanent head for the organization. In his current role, Dave has led a number of new and creative initiatives to bring in expertise to support the federal government.

Additionally, Anahita Reilly, who has been serving as the acting head of the Customer Experience office, has been officially named as the Chief Customer Experience Officer. During her tenure, she has helped improve everything from tenant satisfaction in our public building portfolio to the contracting process for small businesses, and I look forward to seeing her next critical contributions.

I ask you all to join me in thanking Anahita, Aaron, and Dave for their contributions to the agency so far, and in congratulating them on their new roles.

Sincerely,

Denise



Planning for Potential Lapse in Funding



Colleagues,

As many of you are aware, annual funding for the government expires on December 9. The Administration strongly believes a lapse in funding should not occur. There is enough time for Congress to prevent a lapse in appropriations.

However, prudent management requires we be prepared for all contingencies, including the possibility a lapse could occur. Under a lapse in funding, our actions and decisions about what operations continue are governed by legal opinions issued by the Attorney General and the Office of Legal Counsel of the Department of Justice. Since 2013, GSA has clarified our authorities and updated our guidance. Under the new order, employees funded by the Acquisition Services Fund, the Federal Buildings Fund and the Working Capital Fund are exempt and should expect to continue normal operating procedures.

The uncertainty of the current circumstances puts our workforce in a difficult situation and, should a lapse occur, it could impose hardships on some employees as well as the people that we serve every day. As we approach the end of the Continuing Resolution, we are committed to providing you with updated and timely information on any further developments.

Thank you for your hard work, dedication, and patience through this process, and for all that you do for GSA and the American people.

Sincerely,

Denise Turner Roth
Administrator



President's Proposed Fiscal Year 2017 Budget for GSA

Message From the Administrator

Colleagues,

Earlier today, President Obama released his budget request for the Fiscal Year 2017. For GSA, the focus is on tackling our nation's greatest challenges by making smart investments in federal infrastructure and modernizing the government's most at-risk legacy IT systems. It builds on the significant progress we have made in recent years.

This afternoon, I had the great privilege of meeting with the President and senior Administration officials to discuss needed expansion and improvements in federal cybersecurity. As a provider of common solutions across government, GSA has been asked to play a significant role in tackling this tough challenge. Among many areas where we have been asked to take on a leadership role, the President's budget includes a new \$3.1 billion Information Technology Modernization Fund that GSA has been asked to manage. If enacted, this fund would replace the government's most at-risk legacy IT systems. GSA is committed to helping do our part to support a 21st century government.

In fiscal year 2016, we received a significant increase in capital investment to improve the nation's public buildings and promote economic development. We appreciate Congress's support of this level of investment and are committed to using these funds responsibly.

The FY 2017 budget request would allow us to continue this progress. This year's budget request also includes \$10.18 Billion to the Federal Buildings Fund that will allow us to work on major projects like the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Headquarters consolidation project and the next phase of the Enhanced Plan for the consolidation of the Department of Homeland Security at St. Elizabeths in Washington.

Also included is more than \$260 million for our appropriated accounts. Through our Office of Government-wide Policy, Office of Citizen Services and Innovative Technologies, and our Operating Expenses account, GSA will continue to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of our partner agencies. In recognition of GSA's primary role in supporting the transition between Administrations, the President's budget request also seeks \$9.5 million for continued Presidential Transition activities.

At GSA, we are a part of solving some of the nation's toughest challenges. The President's budget is a recognition of this vital role, and represents an affirmation of the progress we have made in recent years.

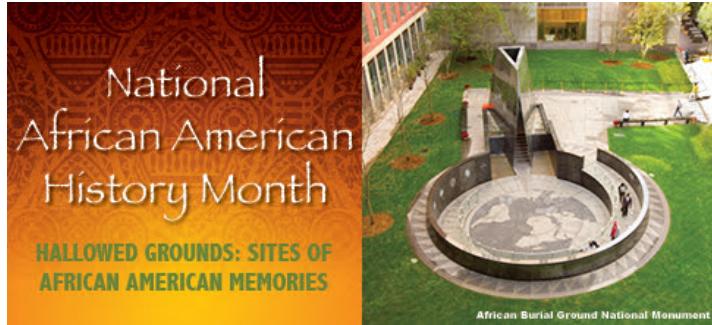
On behalf of GSA's entire leadership team, thank you for your dedication and service. Keep up the great work.

Sincerely,

Denise Turner Roth
Administrator

Recognizing National African American History Month

 Message From the Administrator Banner



Colleagues,

Since 1976, our nation has reserved February to honor the contributions of African Americans to our country. Thinking about the theme of this year's commemoration - "Hallowed Grounds: Sites of African American Memories" - brought me back to my childhood when one such site had a tremendous impact on my life.

Walking to and from elementary school, I would pass the Washington, D.C., home of escaped slave and great abolitionist, Frederick Douglass. As I learned about Douglass and his courageous struggle to end slavery, his house, in a way, became my home, a refuge and an inspiration to follow his example and strive for positive change in the world around me.

As we at GSA know best, public spaces are not mere utilitarian plots of real estate; quite often, they serve as powerful symbols of national purpose. Former stops on the Underground Railroad, the Lorraine Motel, Mother Emmanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church and innumerable other hallowed grounds in African American history not only stand for how far our nation has progressed, but also serve as guideposts for our common future.

Throughout the month of February, on [GSA InSite](#) and the [GSA Blog](#), we will celebrate National African American History Month by sharing the stories of some of the men and women, as well as the events and physical sites, that have changed our lives.

I look forward to celebrating this month and recognizing an important part of our country's history with you.

Denise

Remembering Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Throughout this week, I have been traveling in Atlanta and talking with local, state, and federal leaders on how GSA can make a difference as an economic catalyst for communities across the country. I also spent this morning working at Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School providing a donation from the Computers for Learning program to their 8th grade class. It is vital that we give back to the communities we live and work in. On Monday, January 18, our nation will pause to make Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as a day *on*, not a day *off* to honor Dr. King through service.

As public servants, I know that you understand what it means to dedicate yourself to helping others. On Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, I ask you to consider extending your service to your community. Please take a moment to visit [MLKDay.gov](#) and consider using this day as a chance to volunteer in your communities.

Thank you and have a great Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Denise



Remembering the Fallen this Memorial Day



Dear GSA,

This Monday, Americans will solemnly and gratefully unite in memory of our compatriots who fell in battle defending the nation.

Since the end of the Civil War, we have reserved the final Monday of May to ensure the incomparable valor and sacrifice of these warriors remains integral to the national consciousness. At GSA, we do so by redoubling our commitment to serving the country, contributing to its strength, security and prosperity.

This Memorial Day, I know I join the entire GSA community in honoring America's fallen men and women in uniform.

Denise



Remembering the Fallen



On this day of national reflection and resolve, the U.S. General Services Administration family offers thoughts of condolence, admiration, and love to the families of the thousands of Americans whose lives were taken 15 years ago Sunday in New York City; Shanksville, Pennsylvania; and at the Pentagon.

During the ensuing decade and a half, legions of our compatriots have committed themselves to the defense of the republic. The nation owes them a debt of infinite gratitude.

As employees of the American people, we commit today and every day of the year to honor those whose lives were taken, and fortify the institutions that support those who serve.

Thank you, and God bless America.

Denise



Sorrow and Valor in Orlando



Dear GSA,

On behalf of the entire GSA family, I extend deepest condolences and support to the families and friends of those whose lives were taken in Orlando. This was an indescribably vicious assault, not only on the LGBT community, but on us all.

The valor of the law enforcement community in the face of this hateful act not only saved many lives, but represents the essence of what it means to be a public servant.

Today, even as we mourn, we vow to maintain our commitment to equality and inclusivity.

Denise

Thank You for Your Ongoing Support in the Presidential Transition



GSA issued the following message to employees on November 9, 2016.

Dear GSA:

I consider it a great privilege that we work for the agency entrusted to oversee the peaceful transition between presidential administrations. GSA has had the privilege of fulfilling this responsibility for more than 50 years. In addition to the great honor we feel in carrying out this duty, it also represents a true collaboration among all parts of GSA around a single project, all the while carrying out our principal mission in support of fellow government agencies.

We've been tasked with this duty for more than a half century because we are the only federal agency with the required turnkey capacity and talent to make it happen. As of this morning, I took steps to ascertain the winner of the election. As such, we welcomed President-elect Donald J. Trump's transition team into Central Office transition space earlier today.

I'd like to offer my personal thanks to the members of our Presidential Transition and Inaugural Support Teams led by Tim Horne, our Federal Transition Coordinator; Aimee Whiteman, our head of the Presidential Transition Support Team; and Vicki Willmann, our Director of the Inaugural Support Team. And I'd also like to thank Dan Miller and the transition team handling the changes at our Central Office and National Capital Region Headquarters.

In addition to hosting the incoming administration at our Central Office in Washington, D.C., we will also house the Inaugural Committee in our Regional Headquarters. This creates a huge savings for the American people, and gives us an opportunity to show the incoming administration the unparalleled professionalism of our outstanding workforce.

The GSA team has done a great job providing great pre-election support to both major party candidates. And they're already working with the Armed Forces Inaugural Committee to ensure a successful Inauguration Day.

Most of all, though, I want to especially thank my fellow 1800 F Street colleagues, those in the National Capital Region Office Building, and those of you across all GSA regions for taking on this transition admirably.

Indeed, even as we carry out this vital duty, we will also continue delivering on our fundamental mission. I am very proud of your dedication and commitment to enhancing our role as an economic catalyst across the country, expanding our efforts as a proactive federal partner in support of other government agencies, and continuously raising the high level of operational excellence for which we are already known.

As the president has made clear, a seamless transition is one of his top priorities, and one we all share. For the next 73 days, whether supporting our next chief executive, introducing cutting-edge technologies to government, changing and improving the way we utilize the federal workplace, revolutionizing the acquisition process, or leveraging our presence around the country to support economic development, GSA's commitment to ensuring that government delivers on behalf of the American people is absolute and comprehensive.

Each and every one of you is key to this, and I am very proud to call you my colleagues. On behalf of the entire federal government, I thank you for your truly invaluable efforts.



GSA Administrator Roth signs order granting funds and office space to the transition team.

Denise



Wear Your School Colors Tomorrow for College Signing Day



Dear GSA:

I recently had the opportunity to visit an elementary school in the Washington, D.C. neighborhood where I grew up to donate computers as part of GSA's Computers for Learning Program. The students' excitement was electric; they could barely contain themselves in their urgency to get their hands on the keyboards. When I asked one young lady what she was so thrilled about, all she said was, "I want to learn...I want to learn MORE."

What a simple, yet deeply profound statement. She understood that, through the computer that the women and men of GSA had given her, she would have access to the world and to the tools and the power to chase and realize her dreams; that education is the means to empowerment and opportunity.

Whether in elementary or high school, a professional training program, community college or four-year university, our educational experiences have profoundly impacted the trajectories of our lives.

In recognition of the incalculable value of education, in celebration of what it means to each of us, and as part of First Lady Michelle Obama's "Reach Higher Initiative" to inspire every student in America to take charge of their future, I encourage everyone in the GSA family to show their support of education by wearing their school colors this Tuesday, April 26, as part of College Signing Day.

Denise,

P.S. Be sure to share pictures of your colleagues and you on Chatter using the #CollegeSigningDay hashtag!